



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE  
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary  
113 Harbor Way, Suite 150  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a representative on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. Enclosed, please find an application form, the Advisory Council Charter, and general information about the Sanctuary. We are currently recruiting representatives for the following positions:

**Commercial Fishing and Business.**

The Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in December 1998 to provide advice on:

- Protecting natural and cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emerging issues;
- Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives;
- Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment;
- Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the NMSP.

The Council has played a vital role in decisions affecting the Sanctuary. Advice provided by the Sanctuary Advisory Council concerning the establishment of marine reserves (no-take zones) around the Channel Islands, and regarding the development of a new Sanctuary management plan, highlight the important role the SAC has played in recent years. Additionally, the Advisory Council has provided recommendations on ocean noise, water quality, and aquaculture. A central topic of discussion in 2008 was threats to large cetaceans in the Santa Barbara Channel.

The Council's twenty-one members and twenty-one alternates represent a variety of local user groups, the general public, and ten local, state and Federal governmental jurisdictions. In addition, the respective managers for the California National Marine Sanctuaries (Channel Islands, Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay) participate as non-voting members. Members are appointed competitively by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and serve voluntary two-year terms.

Council representatives are expected to attend advisory council meetings held every other month in full-day public sessions located at various locations in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Advisory council meetings remaining in 2008 are scheduled for (but subject to change): November 14. Individual members may also participate in Working Groups, Subcommittees, or special task forces. For more information about requirements and expectations, please refer to the enclosed information. The intended first meeting for new members and alternates is January 23, 2009 in Santa Barbara.

Your completed application form, addressing all eight of the questions, **must be received at our office no later than December 8, 2008**. Please e-mail your application to: [Danielle.Lipski@noaa.gov](mailto:Danielle.Lipski@noaa.gov)

Appointments will be announced in Spring 2009. Thank you for your interest in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 884-1464.

Sincerely,

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Michael Murray, Advisory Council Coordinator

